

In response to an Office Action dated April 19, 1996 (Paper No. 13) as entered in the above-captioned matter, the applicants hereby respectfully submit the following amendment and response.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-14, 17, 18, 21, and 24 to read as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A method for collecting network information from and providing user information to a plurality of computer networks, wherein each of the plurality of computer networks includes a server and computers, the method comprising [comprises] the steps of:

[a]) transmitting, by each server [of the servers] of the plurality of computer networks via a respective communication device over at least a first wireless communication channel, network information to a host computer on a periodic basis;

[b]) upon receiving the network information, storing, by the host computer, the network information to produce stored network information;

[c]) determining, by the host computer, whether the plurality of computer networks need to receive specific user information, wherein determination is based on the stored network information;

[d]) transmitting, by the host computer [via a second wireless communication channel], the specific user information[, simultaneously to at least two servers of the plurality of computer networks via a second single wireless communication channel];

[e]) distributing, by the at least two servers of the plurality of computer networks, a portion of the specific user information to at least one computer; and

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[f)] after receiving the specific user information, displaying, by the at least one computer, the specific user information.

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2. (Once Amended) The [In the] method of claim 1, wherein the step of storing [(b) further] comprises the step of storing the network information as at least one of configuration information or statistical information, wherein configuration information further includes platform information and software information.

3. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of [comprises] generating, by the host computer, user marketing reports based on the statistical information.

4. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of [comprises] verifying, by the host computer, software authorization based on the software information.

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6. (Once Amended) The [In the] method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining [(c)] further comprises the step of receiving a request for the specific user information.

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7. (Twice Amended) The [In the] method of claim 1, wherein the step of displaying [(f) further] comprises the step of displaying the specific user information, wherein the specific user information includes at least one of bug reports, bug fixes, updates, free software, and pricing information.

11. (Three Times Amended) A method for collecting network information from and providing user information to a plurality of computers, the method comprising [comprises] the steps of:

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[a)] transmitting, by each of the plurality of computers via a respective communication device over at least a first wireless communication channel, network information to a host computer on a periodic basis;

[b)] upon receiving the network information, storing, by the host computer, the network information to produce stored network information;

[c)] determining, by the host computer, whether the plurality of computers need to receive specific user information, wherein determination is based on the stored network information;

[d)] transmitting, by the host computer [via a second wireless communication channel], the specific user information simultaneously to each of the plurality of computers via a second single wireless communication channel; and

[e)] after receiving the specific user information, displaying by at least one of the plurality of computers, the specific user information.

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12. (Once Amended) The [In the] method of claim 11, wherein the step of transmitting [(a) further] comprises the step of transmitting the network information as at least one of configuration information or statistical information, wherein configuration information further comprises platform information and software information.

13. (Once Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of [comprises] generating, by the host computer, user marketing reports based on the statistical information.

14. (Once Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of [comprises] verifying, by the host computer, software authorization based on the software information.

17. (Once Amended) The [In the] method of claim 11, wherein the step of determining [(c)] further comprises the step of receiving a request for specific user information.

18. (Once Amended) The [In the] method of claim 11, wherein the step of displaying [(e) further] comprises the step of displaying the specific user information, wherein the specific user information includes at least one of bug reports, bug fixes, updates, free software, and pricing information.

21. (Three Times Amended) A method for a host computer to collect network information from and provide user information to a plurality of users, the method comprises the steps of:

- [a] receiving network information from the plurality of users on a periodic basis via at least a first wireless communication channel;
- [b] upon receiving the network information, storing the network information to produce stored network information;
- [c] determining whether the plurality of users need to receive specific user information, wherein determination is based on the stored network information; and
- [d] transmitting the specific user information simultaneously to each of the plurality of users via a second single wireless communication channel.

24. (Once Amended) The [In the] method of claim 21, wherein the step of receiving [(a) further] comprises the step of receiving the network information from the plurality of users, wherein the plurality of users

89 includes at least a plurality of computers or a plurality of computer networks.

Please add the following new claims:

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the second single wireless communication channel comprises a radio frequency communication channel.

26. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the second single wireless communication channel comprises a radio frequency communication channel.

27. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the second single wireless communication channel comprises a radio frequency communication channel.

REMARKS

1. In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-14, 17, 18, 21, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Dev et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,504,921) in view of Shing et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,495,610). The Examiner also advised the applicant that the Summary of the Invention is missing from the specification. These rejections are traversed and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.

2. Regarding the Examiner's notice to applicants that the specification does not include a Summary of the Invention, the applicants thank the Examiner for providing such notice, but intend to refrain from including a Summary of the Invention in the instant